

# Commercial Striped Bass Industry Work Group Meeting

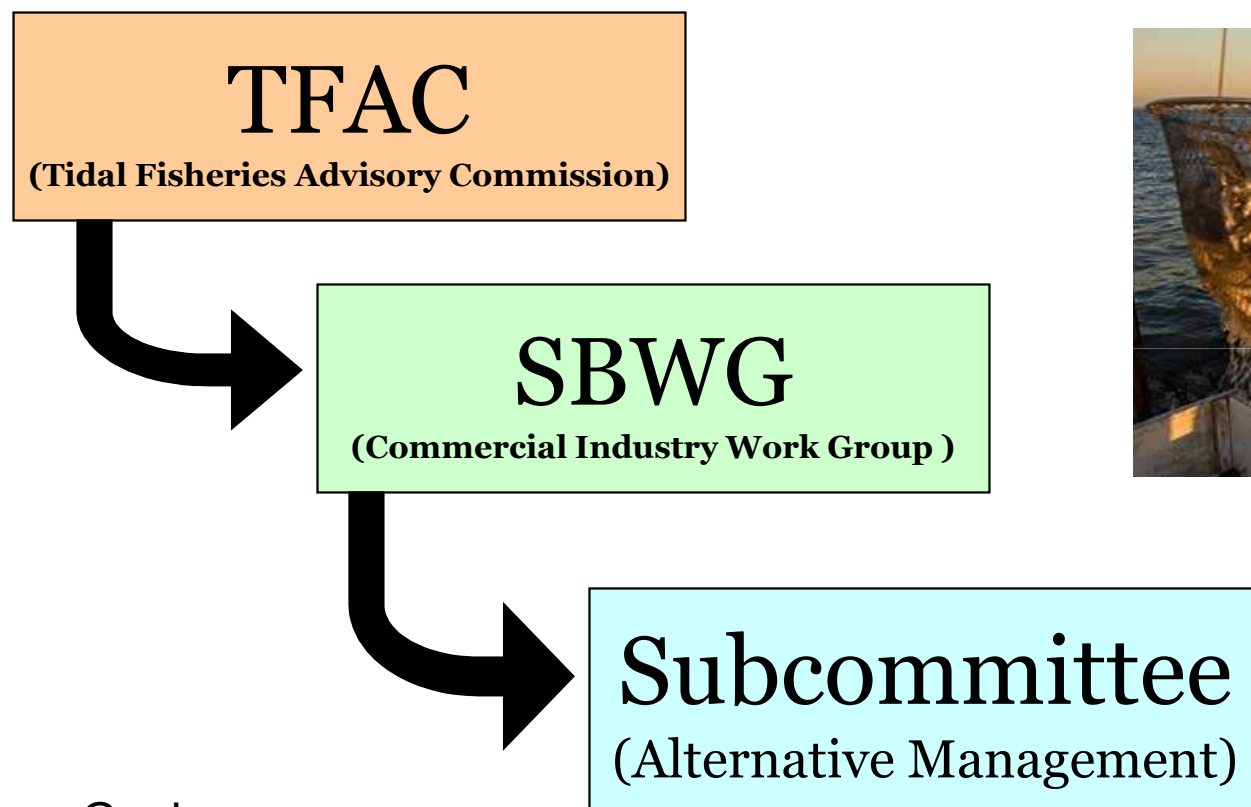


March 13, 2012

## Meeting Agenda

- **Alternative Management Subcommittee - Update**
  - **Meetings and Topics Discussed**
- **Subcommittee Recommendations to the SBWG**
  - **Cap on entry into the pound net and Atlantic sectors**
  - **Separation of the gill net and hook and line gear selection so permit holders may use only one gear type per authorization.**
  - **Commercial quota distribution to the gear sectors for 2013**
- **Other Business**
- **Adjourn**

## Alternative Management Subcommittee



### Goal

Identify areas of concern and develop an alternative management plan for the long-term sustainability of the Maryland striped bass commercial fishery

# Alternative Management Subcommittee

## Industry Leaders

- **Billy Rice**      **Chairman, Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission**
- **Larry Simns**    **President, Maryland Waterman's Association**
- **Gibby Dean**    **President, Chesapeake Bay Commercial Fishermen's Association**



## Gear Representatives

- **Gill Net**
  - Bob Evans
  - John Motovidlak
- **Hook and Line**
  - Tom Ireland
  - Ben Parks
- **Pound Net**
  - Danny Beck
  - Robert T. Brown

## Alternative Management Subcommittee

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

- Management challenges facing the commercial striped bass fishery
- Alternative management strategies that address industry and management concerns



**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

- Facts and Lessons Learned (VA and PRFC Fisheries)
- Maryland Statistics – Requested by Subcommittee
- Marketing Advantages with Alternative Management – S. Vilnit

# Alternative Management Subcommittee

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

## **Challenges Facing the Commercial Striped Bass Industry**

**Increasing PN permits are causing gear allocation problems**

**Latent Effort – HL and GN fisheries**

**There are incentives for illegal activity – Misreporting/Gears**

**Financial Resources / Micro-management**

**Lack of flexibility / Openings and Closings**

## **Discussion of Options to Help Address the Challenges**

### **Subcommittee Recommendations:**

- **Investigate VA/PRFC Jurisdictions Management Procedures**
- **Report back to Subcommittee in January**



# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Striped Bass Industry Work Group 3-13-12

# Alternative Management Subcommittee

**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

**In Depth Presentation on VA and PRFC**

**Maryland Statistics**

Details can be found on the website...sent to you.

### **DNR / Subcommittee Conclusions:**

- Timeframe does not exist to fully address the concerns and challenges facing the striped bass industry for long term solutions
- Regulatory Constraints / Proper Communication with Industry

### **Subcommittee Recommendations:**

- Continue to convene the Alt. Management Subcommittee with the goal of developing management strategies for 2014 and beyond
- DNR consideration of 3 'Short Term' solutions for 2013 - to address problems that have been identified.

## Subcommittee Recommendations to SBWG

### 1. Place a Cap on the number of PN and Atlantic SB Permits

- A considerable number of new PN permits since 2008
- 80 new PN permits (Total of 232 in 2012) / zero new harvesters
- 17 new Atl. Permits (Total of 87 in 2012) / # harvesters?
- Causing a dilution of the Individual Allocations
- *CB only* - Resulted in Pre-Season shifts in Gear Specific Allocation

#### **DNR Questions:**

- **How do we address Permanent Business Transfers since Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Policy on Freezing mid-season declarations.**

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### 2. Freeze the Current (2012) Gear Specific Quota Allocation for the 2013 Fishery

- Includes the 150,000 lb shift to PN from (GN-25%) and (HL-75%)
- As long as the CB Quota is the same ~ 1.9 M Lbs...all gears would receive the same allocation in 2013 as they do this year.
- In combination with a PN Cap, all PN permits will get the same allocation as they do this year.

#### **DNR Concerns:**

- We are adjusting historical allocations on an annual basis based on Industry recommendations – highly contentious
- Staff resources / in the end...all involved are upset

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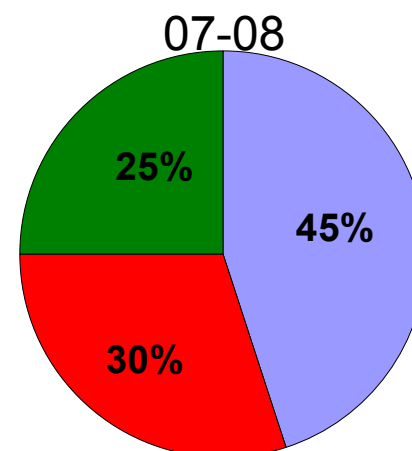
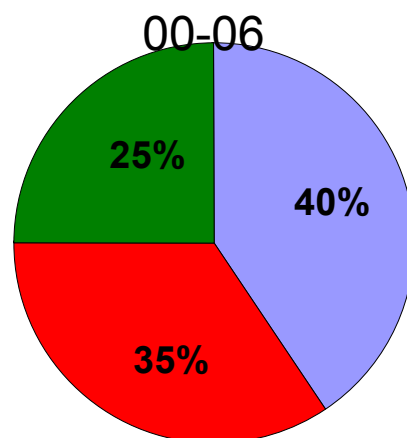
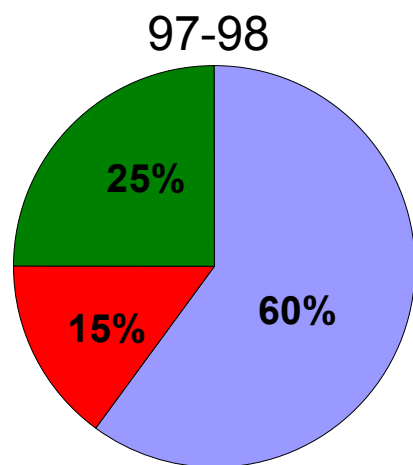
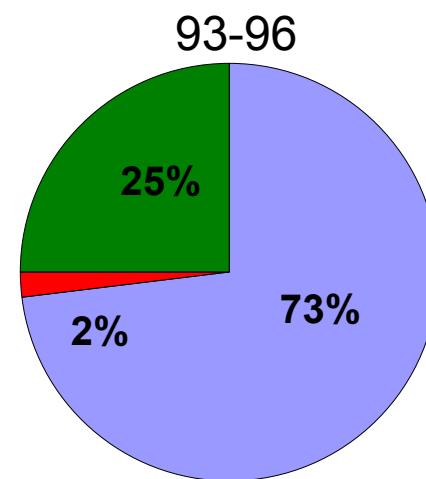
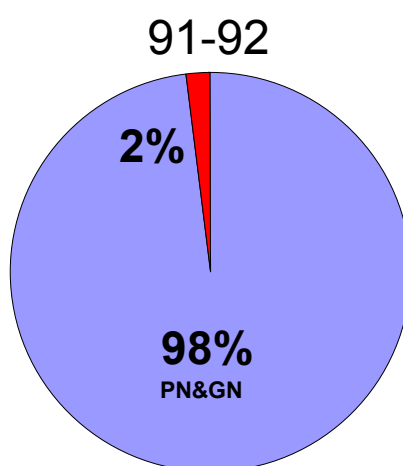
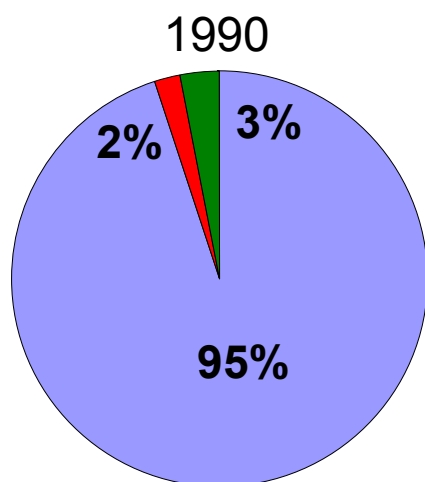
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**In-Season Re-Allocations**

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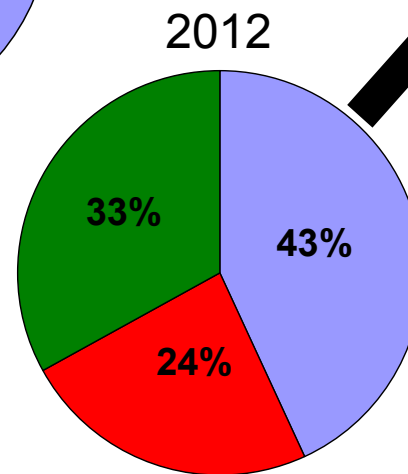
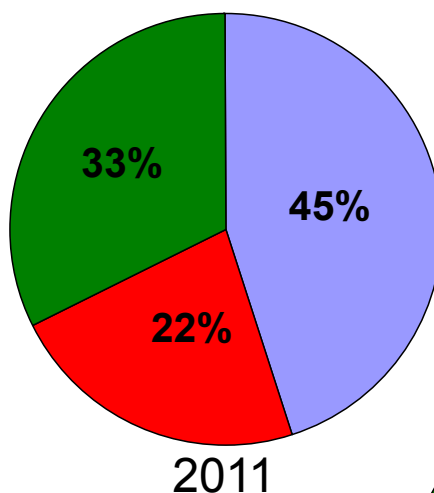
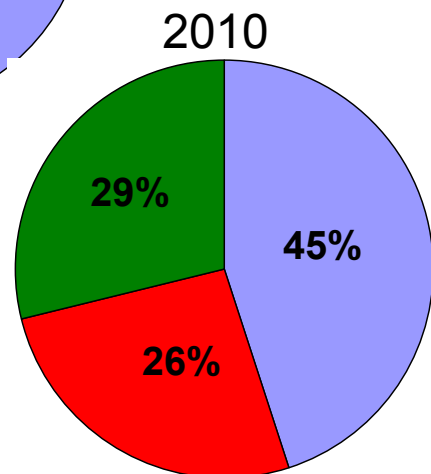
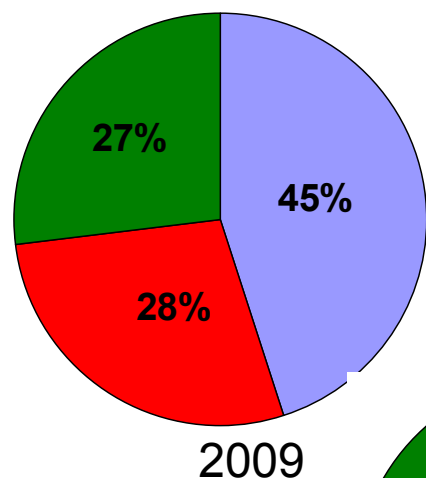
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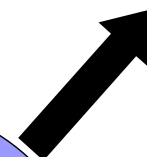
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## Pre-Season Allocation Shifts (2009-2012)



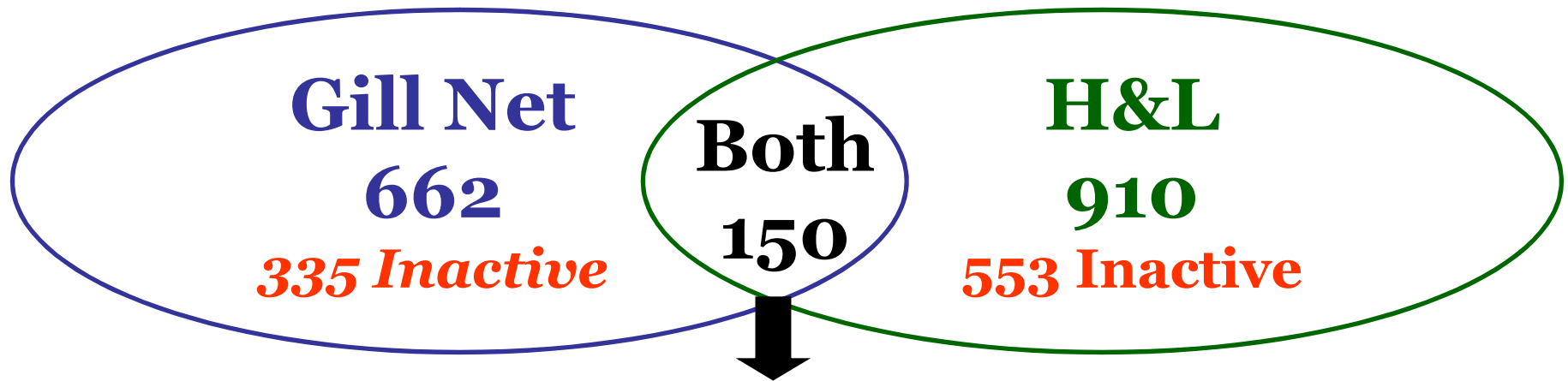
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## Subcommittee Recommendations to SBWG

### 3. Eliminate the GN/HL Declaration Combo

#### Fishery Overlap – Number of Permits in HL and GN



76% of these harvesters are catching less than 5,000 lbs

#### DNR Thoughts:

- Reduces Latent Effort / Double Dipping
- Reduces Incentive for Illegal Activity / Less tags in circulation

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### DNR Thoughts:

- **(ACTION NEEDED)** Does the Alt. Management Subcommittee want to go forward to the Full Striped Bass Work Group with the 3 recommendations above?
- We feel these recommendations would be best presented by a member of the Subcommittee. Basically, a Subcommittee lead discussion. Thoughts?